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Chief, SE

[ ]  
BGFIEND/Air Support  
BGFIEND Body Drop

REF : A. Field Directive 50-14  
B. [ ] 3797

C-47

1234

THUGLY 7

None

THUGLY 11

THUGLY 1, WT/Dispatcher

THUGLY 2, Eng/Dispatcher

THUGLY 3, Dispatcher

Body Drop & Resupply

BGFIEND

500 lbs. resupply

Six agents

None

Two dummy drop containers

Athens (Eleusis), 1850Z

Dummy drop at position 41°56'N 20°04'E, arrived at 2149Z, departed 2154Z.

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Body drop at position  $41^{\circ}22'N$   $20^{\circ}07'E$ , arrived at 2218, departed 2230Z.  
700 feet above terrain.

Dummy drop at position  $41^{\circ}03'N$   $20^{\circ}09'E$ , arrived at 2239Z, departed 2242Z.

17. The crew reported that it was impossible to report any details of the DZ due to the extreme darkness of the night.
18. A standard fire light "T" was used to designate the DZ. The lights were fires, presumed to be German fire capsules, and were spaced approximately fifty yards apart.
19. None
20. See  $\square \rightarrow$  3782.
21. Entry at  $41^{\circ}35'N$   $19^{\circ}27'E$ , 8000 ft to  $41^{\circ}56'N$   $20^{\circ}04'E$ , 8500 feet, to  $41^{\circ}22'N$   $20^{\circ}07'E$ , 6500 feet, to  $41^{\circ}03'N$   $20^{\circ}09'E$ , 6000; to exit at  $40^{\circ}55'N$   $19^{\circ}24'E$ , 4000 feet. Approach and departure from coast at 500 feet over water.
22. The weather in Albania was clear with visibility limited due to haze in valleys and the extreme blackness of the night.
23. Navigation was accomplished by pilotage and dead reckoning.
24. CW communication with the base.
25. None.
26. None
27. None
28. N.A.
29. N.A.
30. None
31. None
32. None
33. For security reasons the crew was briefed to limit the number of passes over the DZ to two, dropping a three-man stick followed by a 250 lb bundle on each pass. The dispatchers were instructed to limit the drop time to five seconds per pass and return to the base with any part of the drop not completed within that time. On the first run the three-man stick and bundle were dispatched in approximately four seconds. The aircraft then made a wide circle returning to

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the DZ in twelve minutes for the second pass. The dispatcher reported that the first man of the second stick departed immediately upon receiving the signal, but the second man froze in the door, and in spite of pushing by the third man and the dispatcher, would not leave the aircraft. When the five second period was passed the men were ordered to return to their seats, and the aircraft returned to the base as instructed.

There was some disagreement between the two assistant dispatchers as to whether the third man had been holding or pushing the second man, but the chief dispatcher, who was in the best position to see what occurred, is certain that he was doing the latter. As further indication, the third man protested against not being allowed to jump and appeared to be arguing during the return trip with his team members.

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- 3 - Wash ✓
- 1 - Chrono
- 2 - A/S
- 2 - BCFIEND
- 1 - XO

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